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TAGS:CPRS, CO, NR (M/V MIL-MAR I)

SUBJECT: MOVEMENTS OF MIL-MAR AKA SAN GREGORIO

1. MIL-MAR, INC. OF FREEPORT, TEXAS, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN LITIGATION IN COURTS OF COLOMBIA SINCE 1971 TO RECOVER FISHING BOAT M/V MIL-MAR I. ALTHOUGH RECENT RULING BY ONE COLOMBIAN COURT IS FAVORABLE TOWARD RECOVERY, ANOTHER COURT HAD PREVIOUSLY AUCTIONED VESSEL TO NATURALIZED COLOMBIAN CITIZEN PETER GROSSICH AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF VESSEL UNKNOWN.

2. ACCORDING MIL-MAR REPRESENTATIVES THEY HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT VESSEL IN QUESTION IS ENGAGED IN SMUGGLING OPERATIONS IN WESTERN CARIBBEAN WHICH INVOLVED VISITS TO CURACAO AND ARUBA IN PERIOD OCTOBER 1973 - JANUARY 1974 AND AGAIN FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 1974. REPORTS INDICATE THAT VISITS HAVE CONTINUED SINCE LATTER DATE BUT WITH NAME CHANGE TO SAN GREGORIO.

3. VESSEL WAS LAST DOCUMENTED IN U.S. AS MIL-MAR I BY USCG AT GALVESTON ON MARCH 13, 1969, OFFICIAL NUMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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297098. VESSEL IS OIL SCREW, HAS STEEL HULL 65.7 FEET

BY 22.1 FEET, WITH TONNAGE LISTED AS 99 GROSS, 67 NET.

4. POST REQUESTED TO QUERY MARITIME AUTHORITIES ITS JURISDICTION RE POSSIBLE VISITS BY THIS VESSEL AND TO INFORM DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BOGOTA BY CABLE OF ITS FINDINGS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO IDENTITY OF OPERATORS AND OTHER PORTS BEING VISITED. INGERSOLL

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